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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

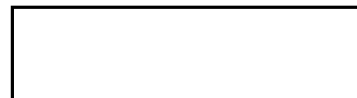
SUBJECT: Preparation of a National-Level
Intelligence Product During Periods
of International Crisis

1. The reporting and analysis provided national consumers during an international crisis is overlapping and redundant. It is also costly. It is time, we think, to see if these problems can be diminished through a joint, USIB-sponsored community effort.

- The material contained in various CIA, DIA, and INR crisis situation reports is about 90 percent redundant.
- Differences in data and analysis in these reports tend to confuse rather than clarify.
- Excessive time and effort is expended in an interagency effort to coordinate their essentially repetitive products.
- Readers of the various crisis SITREPs have complained to us about the problems created by these redundant products.

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2. I have asked [] and his Product Review staff to test the waters in this regard. He finds Dick Lehman ready to tackle the problem and Danny Graham, while a bit more hesitant, willing to give the issue a careful review.



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3. I suggest you address this issue briefly, per the attached Talking Points, at an early USIB meeting and indicate that you have asked me to set up an interagency ad hoc working group to review the matter and make recommendations.



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